

PAS: Hasan Ali sacking not influenced by PKR, DAP
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SHAH ALAM, Jan 10 — PAS has denied that its Pakatan Rakyat (PR) partners PKR and DAP had pressured it into sacking renegade leader Datuk Dr Hasan Ali from the party, Sinar Harian reported today.

The Malay daily quoted PAS leaders Salahuddin Ayub and Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man as saying neither PKR nor DAP had influenced its decision.

PAS leader Salahuddin Ayub was quoted today by Sinar Harian as saying, “We stand on the facts of the case, not follow what others say.” — file pic
“No, no. The issue of us being influenced by PKR or DAP does not even arise.

“We stand on the facts of the case, not follow what others say,” Salahuddin, the party’s vice-president, reportedly told the newspaper.

The PAS central working committee sacked Hasan as a party member yesterday for breaching party discipline after he urged supporters to avoid a rally in support of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as his sodomy trial verdict was handed down.

PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had prior to that expressed the party’s support for the rally.

In response, Hasan immediately blamed Anwar for his sacking from PAS.

The Selangor lawmaker admitted it was likely due to his remarks about the opposition that got him the boot from the Islamist party, which is part of the state’s ruling PR pact.

He also alleged his sacking order was delivered after PKR deputy president Azmin Ali urged the PAS leadership to punish him for his remarks about the rally.

But Tuan Ibrahim denied this today, saying Hasan was dismissed due to the latter’s own public actions and statements recently.

“There are a lot of other reasons and sacking a party member involves the entire party leadership. These steps taken are considered actions detrimental to PAS.

“A member can be sacked if found to have done something to tarnish the party’s standing ... Anwar had nothing to do with the decision. It was not influenced by anyone. It was discussed and agreed upon,” he told The Malaysian Insider.

“We discussed the issues based on what was raised, neither because of others nor because there was anything to do with other parties,” he added to Sinar Harian.

Tuan Ibrahim also today said that if Hasan was unhappy with the decision he could appeal the matter to the party’s Syura Council within 30 days.

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